

The Prestolite starter on your tank or Wolverine may need replacing.

When some of the starters were manufactured, Prestolite forgot to apply a thread-locking compound to the solenoid's armature adjustment. They also forgot to install an improved waterproofing gasket on the starter case. Neither fault will impact performance, but the affected starters are being recalled at no cost to the Army.

You can identify recalled starters by their data plate which lists "Arcade, NY" as the point of origin and a serial number between 0040039 and 0041001 with a few exceptions.

For a list of the exceptions and details on how to turn in the starters, see TACOM Maintenance Advisory Message 01-015 or call TACOM at DSN 786-7395/7820 or (810) 574-7395/7820.



Because of the added weight from armor improvements, we haven't been allowed to swim the M2A2/M3A2 Bradley since 1996. But TM 9-2350-284-10-1 still lists a defective bilge pump as a deadlining item.

If we're not swimming the vehicles, what difference does it make whether the bilge pump works or not?

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Good question!

While it's true that none of the M2/M3-series Bradleys are allowed to swim, they can still ford water up to 42 inches deep. That's why a non-op bilge pump is still an NMC fault.

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